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Period for Reply

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 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 August 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 21-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 21-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on August 6, 2007 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 37 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 37, the structure of boronic acid is not encompassed by Formula (V) of claim 21. It appears that the boronic acid is further limiting Formula (VI) of claim 26. Clarification and proper correction are requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. Claims 21-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bohnen et al. (WO 99/40129, its family US 6,482,902 is cited hereinafter as '902 for convenience) in view of Bohnen et al. (WO 99/06414, its family US 6,417,302 is cited hereinafter as '302 for convenience).

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'902 discloses a process of preparation of a catalyst solid, wherein the catalyst composition is substantially the same the instant claims when one considers that the combination of the active hydrogen-containing groups (B) and (C) corresponds to component (d) of col. 2, lines 35-54 and Examples 1-4 of '902 (col. 2, line 14 to col. 3, line 16; col. 3, line 41 to col. 5, line 31; and Examples 1-4, 6, 8, 11, 13, and 17-25). It is noted that '902 does not expressly disclose of combining all of the catalyst components without any isolation of an intermediate. However '302 teaches a similar catalyst composition by combining all of the catalyst components to provide a catalyst solid without any isolation of the intermediate, a "one-pot" synthesis (Examples 1 and 7, col. 1, line 1 to col. 6, line 49).

Thus, it would have obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art to employ the one pot synthesis process of '302 to prepare the catalyst solid of '902 with a reasonable expectation of obtaining a highly useful method of making a supported catalyst with the benefit of fewer steps and thus lower cost of the production and in the absence of any showing of criticality and unexpected results.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed August 6, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The WO references cited in the rejection above, corresponding to families of the US patents cited in the previous Office Actions, are all published at least two years prior to the priority date of the instant application. Therefore, those WO references are all proper prior art and thus the rejections under 35 USC 103,

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substantially similar to previous Office Action, as recited above are proper and maintained.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Caixia Lu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1106. The examiner can normally be reached from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful and the matter is urgent, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu, can be reached at (571) 272-1114. The fax numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1700.



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